

Minutes
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL
September 26, 2012

Committee Members Present

Judge Lloyd Carter (Chair)	Joanne Huelsman	Dan Vrakas
Sam Benedict	Jeff Scrima	Peter Schuler
Paul Decker	Brad Schimel	Melinda Stuart
Karl Held		Dan Trawicki

Committee Members Absent

Kathy Madden	Russ Jack
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Others Present

Kristy Gusse	Shawn Lundie	Ralph Schultz
Mike Giese	Larry Nelson	Sarah Spaeth
Karen Phillips	Sara Carpenter	Rebecca Luczaj
Judge William Domina		Bethany O'Day

Judge Carter called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Approve Minutes of July 25, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of July 25, 2012 were approved by unanimous consent.

Presentation: Overview of Waukesha County Jail ABE/GED Program – Bethany O'Day, WCTC Associate Dean of Basic Education

O'Day expressed her appreciation for the collaboration between the CJCC and WCTC in offering basic education in the jail. She distributed and reviewed a handout titled "CJCC/WCTC Basic Education Program – Waukesha County Jail, Outcomes 2011-2012". The program has served 185 participants in the 2011-2012 academic year. Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, 27 students completed at least one GED test, and 28 completed a high school credential. Since summer 2010, 17 students have completed a postsecondary program at WCTC following their release from the jail.

Program Highlights:

- The recognition ceremony held in the spring was well attended. Fifty-three students were invited to attend to be recognized for their academic accomplishments. O'Day exclaimed that the support received from the jail staff for this event is outstanding.
- Students participated in "Waukesha Reads" by attending a book club and reading the community designated book.
- A General Purpose Revenue grant awarded for the 2011-2012 academic year provided English and GED instruction to 37 non-native English speakers in addition to the aforementioned 185 students.
- An Adult Education and Family Literacy Act grant has been secured for the 2012-2013 academic year. This grant allows a \$20,000 reduction in the cost of the program to the CJCC. O'Day asked for the support of the CJCC, in the role of an advisory committee, in applying for the grant for next year. It was the consensus of the CJCC to support the future grant application.

O'Day distributed and reviewed a handout titled "Adult Career Pathways Offering 2012-2013". The program offers college-level courses which enable students with low academic or English language skills to earn college credits and enter the workforce, e.g. nursing assistant (CNA), computer numerical controls (CNC), blueprint reading, etc.

Vrakas lauded the successfulness of the Waukesha County Jail ABE/GED Program and thanked O'Day for the exceptional work she is doing. Trawicki agreed that WCTC is doing a great job and this program is truly benefitting the community.

O'Day invited CJCC members to attend the next graduation ceremony at the jail. Luczaj will provide contact information for O'Day.

Luczaj noted that the Jail ABE/GED Program will be highlighted in the CJCC fall newsletter.

Update on Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Project Implementation Timeline

Luczaj stated that the County Board approved an ordinance to accept and appropriate the grant funds into the 2012 CJCC budget at their meeting on August 28, 2012. Grant award paperwork from the Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) has been received and signed. Luczaj will be attending a meeting on October 4 with Health and Human Services AODA supervisory and medical staff to finalize the referral process of clients in the Drug Court Program who are referred for assessment and Naltrexone prescription. The goal is to begin referrals shortly after that meeting. The impact on reducing relapse for participants on Naltrexone will be monitored to gauge the success of the program. OJA has requested that Luczaj provide an overview of how the process is going to work.

Update on Temple University's Grant Application to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for "Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships"

Luczaj recapped that Dr. Matt Hiller of Temple University had applied for a grant from NIJ to evaluate CJCC programs. Unfortunately, Temple University did not receive the grant. It was a highly competitive grant, and only three awards were given nationwide. Hiller and Professor Le Bel from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will continue to evaluate CJCC programs but the process will take considerably longer without the grant funding. Hiller will be here for a site visit in October or November, when he will update the CJCC Executive Committee on the program evaluation schedule.

Presentation: Overview of Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court Program

Schimmel distributed and reviewed the "ADA Drug Treatment Court (DTC) Eligibility Checklist". When the ADA and defense attorney determine a particular defendant may be appropriate for the DTC Program, the ADA completes the checklist and expeditiously proceeds through the referral, screening and plea agreement process.

Each case is triaged by Schimmel and two ADAs, who are specifically trained in ATC/DTC protocols, to make the initial eligibility determination of each participant. The checklist considers the following factors:

- The defendant is over the age of 17
- There is prosecutive merit that defendant committed crime(s) for which the maximum period of confinement exceeds one year
- The defendant is currently a Waukesha County resident
- The defendant is not alleged to have committed a violent crime or does not have a history of a violent crime (per federal definition of "violent crime")
- There is evidence that the defendant is drug dependent
- There is evidence the defendant meets high risk/high need threshold for DTC
- Victim rights issues are addressed to comply with victim rights laws
- The defendant has indicated a willingness to participate in DTC

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout titled "Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court Program Flow Chart: Referral to Discharge".

Carpenter reviewed the assessment, case management and drug testing components of the DTC Program:

Assessment

- WCS staff conducts two types of assessments to prepare a staffing team review on potential participants prescreened for the eligibility requirements by the DA's Office
 - RANT(Risk And Needs Triage): Identifies specific factors related to risk and need, i.e. high risk/high need, high risk/low need, low-risk/high need, or low-risk/low need
- Texas Christian University Drug Screen II: Indicates the severity of drug-related problems
- WCS prepares a staffing team review summarizing the details on each potential participant

Case Management

- WCS staff conduct the screening assessments to assist the DTC team with making the final decision for admission into the program.
- WCS conducts the initial intake into the program to learn as much about the participant prior to supervision and to outline the program and expectations.
- Ongoing supervision appointments: Each of the four program phases require minimum levels of supervision, which provide participants the support and monitoring necessary to monitor progress with established goals, including referrals to treatment and other community resources.
 - Phase I – one time per week
 - Phase II – once every two weeks
 - Phase III – Once every two weeks
 - Phase IV – Once per month
- Random drug and alcohol testing
- Staffing reports to the DTC team each week on those participants scheduled to appear before the DTC judge
- Ongoing verification of participant information, including verification of progress in treatment, attendance at self-help meetings, follow-through with obtaining a sponsor, etc.

Drug Testing

- Essential component of supervision – the specimen cup utilized has tamper schematics built into the technology to detect participants' attempt to manipulate the testing process.
- Testing occurs at least three times per week in phase I, including random testing on Saturdays at WCS.
- Direct observation with strict chain of custody protocols

Carpenter distributed and reviewed a handout titled "Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court Program, Wisconsin Community Services, Inc., August 2012", including statistics in the following categories:

- Active Participants – the current caseload is 22 participants; year-to-date, 31 have been accepted into the program
- Demographics – the population is primarily young Caucasian male, ages 18-32
- Referrals – 26 referrals year-to date were made to various community resources when needs were identified through assessments and ongoing supervision
- Other DTC Program Components – 6 discharges year-to-date (one participant died shortly after admission); numerous incentives, sanctions, positive tests and community service as outlined.
- DTC Graduate Stats – none to date (program is a minimum of 12 months)
- Graduates & Discharge Demographics – six discharges to date (5 males and 1 female), ages 18-32

Carpenter stated that WCS is implementing a relapse prevention program beginning in January 2013. Benedict left at 9:30 a.m.

Domina was present to discuss weekly staffing and court hearings, and the case disposition process. He expounded on the extent of the widespread drug issues the county. His duty as ATC and DTC judge has been very revealing in terms of witnessing a reduced rate of recidivism for those participants who have successfully completed the ATC program. The programs require an intensive amount of oversight by the DA, WCS and the court, especially with the high risk/high need DTC participants. Domina's two prime directives to DTC participants are: "show up where you need to be and tell the truth". He acknowledged that it is an immensely difficult struggle for drug addicted participants and does not expect they will become sober immediately. It is a constant battle of relapse with these individuals.

Domina meets weekly with the DTC staffing team and is actively involved in determining appropriate sanctions and incentives. He discussed his role in reviewing treatment progress and oversight over each participant's positive efforts and noncompliant behavior. In addition to the weekly meeting, there are additional interactions throughout the week over different individuals that require greater immediacy. Domina acknowledged the leadership of Schimel and the efforts of HHS and DOC staff, in addition to WCS, as key in the success of the DTC implementation thus far.

Carpenter thanked Luczaj for her leadership which has greatly improved the quality of CJCC programming over the last several years.

Upcoming Site Visit by American University – Rebecca Luczaj

Luczaj said she recently learned from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) that American University consultants will be doing site visits at all drug courts who receive funding from BJA. The visit will occur on October 24-25, 2012 and will include observation of a staffing session and court, a treatment center tour, and interviews with all team members, program participants, HHS staff, county executive, etc. She is working with Judge Domina and all parties to secure dates and times of interviews. Dr. Hiller will be here for the site visit and interviewed. Documentation clearly states that this is not an audit of the program but a routine visit. The DTC original contract provides for American University site visits and evaluations and if needed, technical assistance.

Update on Waukesha County's Representation on State CJCC Outreach & Communications Standing Committee – Rebecca Luczaj

Luczaj said she was invited by the Milwaukee CJCC Coordinator, Jim Hiller, to serve on the Outreach and Communications Committee of the statewide CJCC. The 12 member group, including eight CJCC coordinators, will meet for the first time in Madison on October 11, 2012. Luczaj said this is a great opportunity to let the state organization know how things work at the local level and move initiatives forward. The Outreach and Communications Committee will prepare issues and directives for the December statewide CJCC meeting in Madison.

Next CJCC Meeting

- November 28, 2012

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.